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Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: Notice of Intent by Minnesota Power and Great River Energy to Submit a
Route Permit Application under the Alternative Permitting Process**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Pursuant to Minn. Rules 4400.2000 subp.2, this letter serves as notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Minnesota Power and Great River Energy intend to submit a Route Permit Application for the Badoura 115 kV Transmission Project in Crow Wing, Cass and Hubbard counties under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules 4400.2000 to 4400.2750.

The Commission issued a Certificate of Need for the Badoura Project on May 25, 2006 (Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-05-867).

It is anticipated that the Route Permit Application will be submitted to the Commission in January or February 2007.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

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